Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An analytical tool comprising:

a liquid introduction port,

at least one ~~or a plurality of~~ flow path[[s]] for moving a sample liquid introduced through the liquid introduction port,

a reaction chamber communicating with said at least one flow path, and

a separation film for filtering the sample liquid supplied to the liquid introduction port ~~and then~~ before introducing the sample liquid to said at least one ~~or plurality of~~ flow path[[s]];

wherein the sample liquid is caused to move through the separation film in a thickness direction of the separation film for filtration[[.]];

wherein a branching flow path branches from said at least one flow path at a branching position upstream from and close to the reaction chamber;

wherein the branching flow path communicates with a first gas discharge port closed by a first seal member that is openable for supplying the sample liquid from the liquid introduction port to the branching position; and

wherein the reaction chamber communicates with a second gas discharge port closed by a second seal member that is openable for supplying the sample liquid beyond the branching position to the reaction chamber.

2. (Currently amended) The analytical tool according to claim 1, wherein [[the]] said at least one flow path ~~is structured to~~ moves the sample liquid by capillary action.

3. (Original) The analytical tool according to claim 1, wherein the sample liquid comprises blood, and

wherein the separation film separates blood cells from the blood.

4. (Original) The analytical tool according to claim 3, wherein the separation film comprises a porous film having a minimum pore size of 0.1~3.0 μm.

5. (Currently amended) The analytical tool according to claim 1, wherein the separation film is positioned ~~higher than the~~ upstream from said at least one flow path and between said introduction port and said at least one flow path.

6. (Currently amended) The analytical tool according to claim 5, further comprising a liquid receiving portion for retaining the sample liquid passed through the separation film, the liquid receiving portion communicating with the liquid introduction port and [[the]] said at least one flow path, and

wherein the separation film is spaced from a bottom surface of the liquid receiving portion.

7. (Currently amended) The analytical tool according to claim 6, further comprising:

a substrate in which the liquid receiving portion [[is]] and said at least one flow path are formed;

a cover in which the liquid introduction port, [[is]] the first discharge port and the second discharge port are formed; and

an adhesive layer interposed between the substrate and the cover, the adhesive layer including a through-hole for fitting the separation film.

8. (Currently amended) The analytical tool according to claim 6, wherein ~~the plurality of flow paths extend~~ said at least one flow path extends radially from the liquid receiving portion.

9. (Currently amended) The analytical tool according to claim 1, wherein ~~at least two of the~~ a plurality of flow paths are ~~respectively~~ provided for communicating with a plurality of reaction chambers, respectively, at least two of the plurality of reaction chambers each ~~reagent portions for reaction with the sample liquid, each of the reagent portions of said at least two flow paths~~ containing a different reagent; and

wherein the tool is adapted to measure a plurality of items from a single kind of sample liquid.

10. (Currently amended) The analytical tool according to claim 9, wherein the ~~reagent portions of said at least two flow paths~~ plurality of reaction chambers are arranged on a common circle.

11-13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently amended) The analytical tool according to claim 1, wherein [[the]] said at least one flow path has a principal, rectangular cross section which has a width of 10 to 500 μm and a depth of 5 to 500 μm and which satisfies depth/width ≥ 0.5.

15. (Currently amended) The analytical tool according to claim 1, wherein [[the]] said at least one flow path includes a hydrophilically-treated inner surface.

16. (Currently amended) The analytical tool according to claim 15, wherein the inner surface of [[the]] said at least one flow path is so treated that a contact angle of pure water at the inner surface becomes 0~80 degrees.